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In re Application of:

Lawrence GREENFIELD, et al.

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Applicants now respond to the Office Action dated December 12, 2003. Please amend the application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claim 25 to read as follows:

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